3 DAYS AGO,

THE CENTRAL BANK WAS ATTACKED BY A TERRORIST GROUP KNOWN AS THE RED MASKS.

BLOOD BANK

IN TERMS OF DAMAGES...

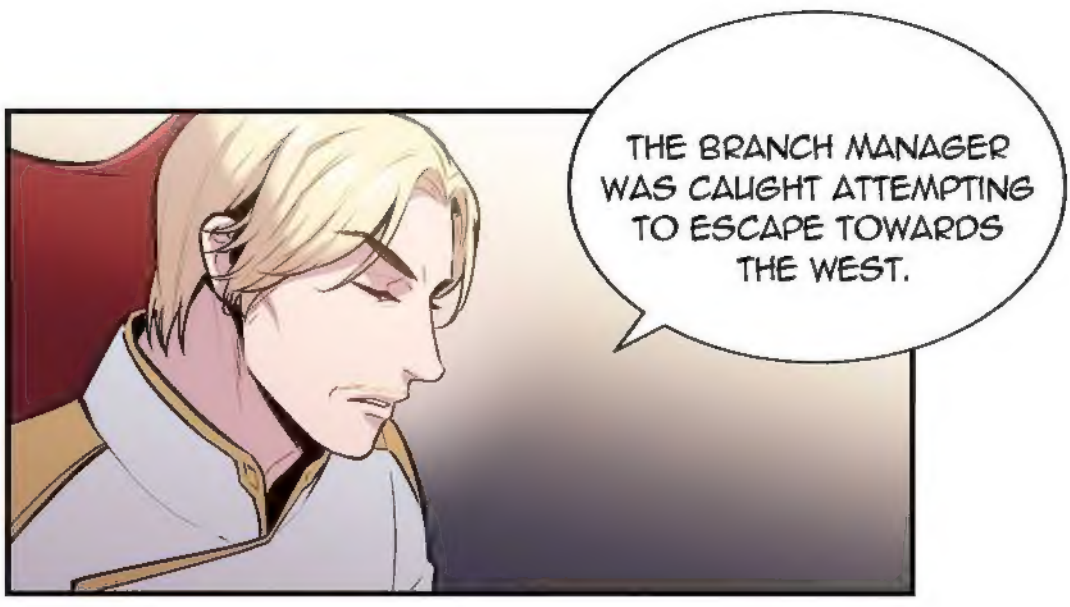
THE BLOOD VAULT'S OUTER WALL COLLAPSED, AND A PORTION OF THE BLOOD WAS STOLEN.

THE COLLAPSE OF PARTS OF BOTH THE LOWER FLOORS AND THE TOP FLOOR.

THE DEATH OF OR INJURY TO A MAJORITY OF HUMAN BANKERS...

IS EVERYTHING YOU REPORTED TRUE?

SHELL.


THE BRANCH MANAGER WAS CAUGHT ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE TOWARDS THE WEST.

IT APPEARS HE WAS CONTACTED BY THE RED MASK WHILE YOU WERE AT THE PARTY.
STARTING WITH THE BANKER NINE, HE TURNED ALL THE HUMAN BANKERS INTO HIS PUPPETS,
AND MADE THEM BRING THE BOMB INSIDE...

HE WAS A GOOD EMPLOYEE WHEN LAST I CHECKED, WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN DOING HERE?
... .

THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER INTERESTING CONFESSION.

THE REASON WE COULDN'T DETECT THEIR PHEROMONES...

WAS BECAUSE OF REIGN FEAR'S PERFUMES, WHICH WERE COVERING THE TRACES.

WE HAVE WITNESS REPORTS SAYING THE BANKERS HAD A STRONG PERFUME SMELL THAT DAY.

...! REIGN ISN'T INVOLVED WITH THIS!

HE SAID HE FOUND AN INVESTOR. I THINK IT'S...

THE RED MASK.

A MERE FALLEN NOBLE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GATHER THAT MUCH MONEY...

REIGN SAID THERE WERE NO PERFUMES WITH THAT EFFECT, AND THAT HIS TRADE SECRETS MUST HAVE BEEN LEAKED...

BUT UNTIL EVERYTHING IS CERTAIN, HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE INVESTIGATED BY US.

... .

WITH THIS INCIDENT, WE'VE BECOME THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF THE BLOOD LORDS.

AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT...

WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, DO YOU THINK IT IS ACCEPTABLE THAT YOU COULDN'T CAPTURE THE RED MASK?

...THE GROUND CRUMBLED... AND WE SEARCHED THE FLOOR HE FELL TO,

BUT THE RED MASK WAS ALREADY GONE.

THE BANKER THAT FELL WITH HIM WAS ALSO...

CLENCH...

THE WHEREABOUTS OF A MERE BANKER IS UNIMPORTANT.

WE NEED TO FOCUS ON RECOVERING THE REPUTATION OF THE CENTRAL ...

UNIMPORTANT?

BANG

...
WHAT'S THIS?

THAT'S... WHAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU, FATHER.

PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS.

...THIS ISN'T YOUR WRITING. WHO...

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO WROTE IT!

IS IT TRUE, FATHER?

ARE YOU...

ARE WE...

...AND THE HUMANS...

... ...

...
THERE'S PLENTY OF HUMANS.

IF WE WANT TO FEED EVERY VAMPIRE...

WE NEED TO BREED EVEN MORE HUMANS.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

BUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE ARE SO MANY HUMANS THAT WE'RE OVERFLOWING WITH BLOOD?

THEN THE VALUE OF BLOOD WILL FALL.

FATHER.

ALSO, HUMANS AGE QUICKLY.

EVENTUALLY, ONCE A HUMAN REACHES A CERTAIN AGE, THE PROFIT TO BE GAINED FROM THEIR BLOOD IS OUTWEIGHED BY THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE LIVESTOCK.

FATHER!

AND SO,
WE BLOOD LORDS
MADE A SECRET
PACT.

YES.
THE CONTENTS
OF THIS DOCUMENT
ARE ALL TRUE.

WE BLOOD
LORDS HAVE RELEASED
AN EPIDEMIC EVERY YEAR,
TO CULL THE NUMBER
OF HUMANS.

THE REASON
THERE IS A SMALL
POPULATION OF HUMANS,
AND THAT POPULATION IS
MAINTAINED CONSISTENTLY,
IS BECAUSE WE KILL
THEM.

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?!

HUMANS
HAVE GIVEN UP
THEIR NAMES IN
ORDER TO LIVE!

BUT,
BUT...

STOMP STOMP STOMP
STOMP STOMP STOMP...

RUNNING AWAY AGAIN?

...I HAD NO CHOICE.

I WAS TOO YOUNG...AND I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO SAVE...

BUT YOU COULD'VE ACCEPTED THE TRUTH.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN A WISER DECISION THAN RUNNING AWAY FROM WHO YOU ARE.

I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?

YOU ARE MY AND HER-

STOP!

THUD

...NINE.

...I KNOW.
I KNOW IT'S ALL
AN EXCUSE.

I KNOW I WAS
BEING SELFISH,
AND LEFT YOU
ALL TO DIE.

BUT...
I WANTED TO
LIVE TOO!

THAT'S ALL
I WANTED,
I JUST...

...I.

...NO.

AT SOME POINT,
I COULDN'T KEEP MY DESIRE
FOR YOU IN CHECK.

YOUR JOY, AND PAIN...
I BEGAN TO WANT ALL OF THAT
FOR MYSELF...

AND EVENTUALLY,
THOSE DESIRES STRIPPED
AWAY MY MASK.

...THAT'S WHY I WAS SCARED.

IF I END UP
BREAKING YOU,
I...

...
HUMPTY...
DUMPTY?

SLIP

YOU FINALLY WOKE UP! YOU HAD A FEVER BECAUSE OF YOUR WOUNDS.

WHERE...

...!

GRAB

AH,
YOU DON'T NEED TO HIDE IT ANYMORE.

THIS IS A SAFE PLACE IN THE SLUMS.

...YOU KNEW...?
"SAFE PLACE"?

I TOLD YOU WHEN I ASKED YOU TO COMPARE THE DOCUMENTS, RIGHT?

THAT MY FRIEND WILL FIND YOU.

THAT WOMAN...

A WHITE HAIRED ALBINO...
A HUMAN FROM THE SLUMS...

THOSE SLUMS ARE SUCH A HASSLE...

IT COULD BE THE HUMAN RESISTANCE THEY CALL THEM WHITE GHOST, ALL THESE RUMORS...

YOU'RE...!

THAT DAY, GHOST SAW EVERYTHING FOR ME.

YOUR EYES, AND YOUR ABILITY TO FORCE THE VAMPIRES INTO SUBMISSION...

YOUR FATHER DIDN'T TELL YOU EVERYTHING.

RIGHT?

HOW DO YOU...

BUT, NOW IT'S CERTAIN.

YOU'RE... THE IMPOSSIBLE OFFSPRING BETWEEN A HUMAN AND A VAMPIRE.

THE CHILD OF BRUTAL'S DAUGHTER, WHITE BONES...

AND THE HUMAN ART, ELLIE.

NOW.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO THROW ASIDE YOUR SLAVE NUMBER, AND TAKE BACK YOUR NAME.

TELL ME, WHAT DID ELLIE CALL YOU?

... .

I'M...

...ERIC

BLOOD BANK

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The masque of the red death

...HA

HA...

HA...!
HA...!

WHY...?!

WHY
ARE YOU...?!

HM?

JACK,
YOU HELPED ME
WITH GETTING THE FUNDS...
EVEN HOW TO MAKE THE
PERFUME...!

SO WHY...!

HISS

WHY
AM I TORTURING
YOUR SPINELESS
SELF?

I'M JUST
FULFILLING YOUR
WISHES.

WHAT...?

RED MASK.
YOU WANTED TO
BE SOMETHING THAT
SHOOK THE WORLD,
RIGHT?

YOU WANTED
TO BE FEARED BY ALL,
AND STRONG ENOUGH
TO TAKE ANYONE'S
LIFE...

DON'T WORRY!
YOU'LL BE ABLE
TO DO THAT.

OR
AT LEAST...
A PART OF
YOU...

..WILL.

SCREAM ALL YOU WANT.

LET THE FEAR AND RAGE PERMEATE YOUR ENTIRE BODY!

AND THEN LET IT ALL OUT!

YOU CAN LAST LONGER THAN YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

...AH.

UGH...

BUBBLE

BUBBLE

-Part 3-

CARNIVAL

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